REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in this application in which claims 1, 14 and 24 are independent. Claims 1, 14, and 24 have been amended pursuant to the agreement reached during the Examiner's interview on February 28, 2008. The Examiner also agreed to enter the amendments now that prosecution has been closed. The amendments do not present any new substantive issues to be addressed. Rather, the amendments provide the clarification required by the examiner. Entry of the amendments is respectfully solicited.

Summary of Examiner's Interview

Examiner Lim is thanked for the interview held on February 28, 2008 between Examiner Lim, Dinesh Shenoy (inventor), and the undersigned attorney to discuss the invention and the outstanding rejection in this case. With respect to claims 1 and 24, the examiner maintained the positions of record. However, the examiner agreed that claims 14 – 23 would be allowable over the prior art of record provided that Applicant made the "after-final" amendments shown above and presented formal arguments on the record to overcome the prior art rejection concerning Raghunandan. Examiner Lim's entry of the foregoing amendments and expedited allowance of claims 14 – 23 are very much appreciated. The Examiner and the undersigned attorney also agreed to address any outstanding issues with respect to claims 1 - 13 and 24 – 30 following this response. For example, should the Examiner only allow claims 14 – 23, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for authorization for an examiner's amendment to cancel other claims so that they may be pursued in a divisional or continuation filing. Examiner Lim's cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Response to Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Raghunandan (U.S. Patent No. 6,816,885). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Raghunandan describes an email processing method and system that is fundamentally different than Applicant's claimed invention. As the background description focuses, Raghunandan addresses the amount of time spent on responding to incoming emails (the "pain" that will be solved by Raghunandan's disclosure). However, central to Raghunandan is a system where reply emails (i.e., emails that are sent back to a sender) are automatically sent in response to incoming emails. The disclosure of Raghunandan is directed solely to automatic replies to incoming mail. On the other hand, the claimed invention addresses a very different concept which is neither disclosed nor suggested by Raghunandan. Specifically, Raghunandan fails to disclose a method, apparatus and computer program product that attends to email sent to at least an intended recipient other than the sender, that formats the email according to an attribute identified by text parsing, and that sends the formatted mail to the intended recipient.

Claims 1 – 13 and 24 - 20

Raghunandan fails to disclose or suggest "receiving from the e-mail composer an e-mail message that is addressed to <u>at least</u> an intended recipient <u>other than a sender of the e-mail message</u>; text-parsing the received e-mail for identifying an e-mail attribute; formatting the received e-mail message in accordance with a predetermined format corresponding to the identified e-mail attribute; and sending the formatted e-mail message to the intended recipient," as claim 1 recites. (Emphasis added).

Raghunandan also fails to disclose "text-parsing an e-mail addressed to <u>at least</u> an intended recipient <u>other than a sender of the e-mail message</u> and received from an e-mail

composer for identifying an e-mail attribute in the header or body of the e-mail; formatting the e-mail in accordance with a predetermined format corresponding to the identified e-mail attribute; and sending the formatted e-mail message to the intended recipient," as claim 24 recites. (Emphasis added).

Specifically, claims 1 and 24 have been amended for clarification to distinguish from a system for automatically sending reply emails (i.e., emails that are sent back to a sender) in response to incoming emails, as in the case of Raghunandan. Applicant maintains its other positions previously of record.

Claims 14 – 23

Raghunandan fails to disclose as claim 14 recites "a server configured to receive <u>from a sender</u> an e-mail message addressed to <u>at least</u> an intended recipient <u>other than the sender</u> and to send a formatted e-mail message to the intended recipient," as claim 14 recites. (Emphasis added to show claim amendment).

Specifically, claim 14 has been amended for clarification to distinguish from a system for automatically sending reply emails (i.e., emails that are sent back to a sender) in response to incoming emails, as in the case of Raghunandan.

In addition, as discussed during the examiner's interview, the exemplary embodiment corresponding to Fig. 6 of the application illustrates an exemplary formatted message to be sent to an intended recipient other than the sender that is assembled by a message assembler and includes at least original content of the e-mail message addressed to the intended recipient. As a result of the Raghundan's limitations discussed above, it follows that Raghunandan fails to disclose a server to include "a template manager for assigning a predetermined format in accordance with the e-mail attribute; a message assembler for assembling the formatted e-mail

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message to include at least <u>original</u> content of the e-mail message addressed to the intended recipient in accordance with a specific format designated by the assigned predetermined format," as claim 14 recites. (Emphasis added to show claim amendment).
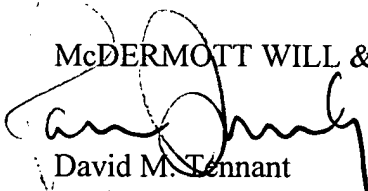
Concluding Remarks

Because Raghunandan fails to disclose each and every element of independent claims 1, 14 and 24, a showing of anticipation has not been made. Moreover, there is no showing of anticipation for the claims that depend from claims 1, 14, and 24. The § 102(e) is submitted to be improper and is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

As all issues have been addressed and presumably overcome, this application now stands in condition for allowance.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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